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Libertarians Plan October Awards Banquet in Springs



Colorado Libertarians will recognize outstanding individuals Saturday, October 25 at the annual awards banquet in Colorado Springs. Sharon Harris,

President of Advocates for Self-Government (www.self-gov.org), will speak at the banquet that evening about "Reasons for Optimism."

Harris will also help lead a workshop during the day to help local Libertarians gain skills in communications and media relations. Participants may attend both the workshop and the banquet or either event. The workshop will run

from 10:30 till 4:30, and cocktails will be served at 5:30 before the 6:30 banquet. To sign up for the event, see

Page 5, surf to www.lpep.org, or call event organizer Nancy Graves at 719.570.0747.

Montrose Activists Fight to Repeal Local Food Tax

In a campaign noted by Libertarians nationwide, the Western Slope Libertarian Party led the attempt to repeal the tax on groceries in Montrose.

Affiliate Chair Mike Humbert (shown at right with Tim Jacobs) said, "It is just plain wrong to tax grocery food items, so we did our best to change it." However, on July 15 residents voted to keep the city's 3.5% tax on groceries in place.

State Chair Norm Olsen credits the Montrose group with inspiring a similar effort in Littleton toward "getting government out of [people's] grocery carts" and pocketbooks.



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Masters Gathers Dissenting Voices

The nation's Libertarian sheriff, Bill Masters, is wrapping up a new book, *The New Prohibition: Voices of Dissent Challenge the Drug War*, that brings together essays from peace officers, public officials, and policy experts.

Jesse Ventura has provided the foreword. Other contributors include Congressman Ron Paul and former Sheriff Richard Mack.

Several Coloradans participated: Judge John Kane,

David Kopel and Mike Krause, Doug Casey, Michael Huemer, and Ari Armstrong.

Masters, sheriff of San Miguel County since 1980, is the author of *Drug War Addiction*. His web page is libertybill.net.



Ax Littleton Grocery Tax?

Libertarian Frank Atwood has joined what he calls a "tri-partisan effort" to repeal the grocery tax in Littleton. On August 15, the Littleton City Clerk certified the signatures gathered by petition.

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Libertarians Get Active Across Colorado



Michael McKinzie and Rand Fanshier attend the People's Fair in Denver June 7-8.

"This Week" with Rand Fanshier

Rand Fanshier, LPCO Outreach Director, has published a weekly update of Colorado Libertarian events since May 5. He lists upcoming events and reviews recent activism. Since the state board decided to print a shorter, quarterly newsletter in order to redirect funds to other activities, Fanshier's web page has become the most regular source of news about the Colorado LP—as well as a major source of news for *Colorado Liberty*. His updates are linked at www.lpcolorado.org.

Other Colorado LP web pages include www.lparapahoe.org, www.lpdenver.org, www.lpep.org, www.lpboulder.org, www.westernslopelp.org, www.lpjeffco.org, and www.lpcocandidates.org.

Campaigns Team

An August 12 report from the Campaigns Team listed four declared candidates: James Vance, Norm Olsen, Scott Graves, and Paul Tiger. The report also reprinted a letter sent by Campaigns Director Michael McKinzie to 30 candidates who ran in 2002 that read, "Your run for Public Office probably taught you some useful lessons. The LPCO could benefit from your experience. If you intend to run again, let me know what I can do to help you. If you do not intend to run again,

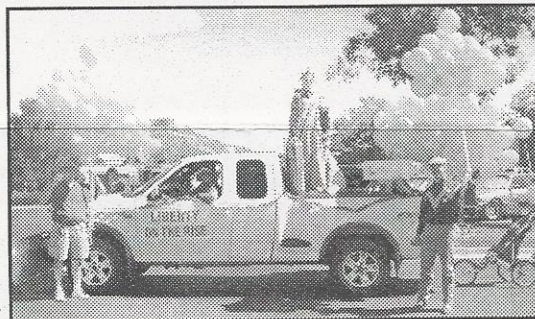
would you help other Candidates?"

Other members of the Campaign Team include David Aitkin, Frank Atwood, Chris Leinster, Jack Woehr, Julie Marble, Jonathan Harmon, Dana Wagenhoffer, Tom Wagenhoffer, Paul Tiger, Samantha Carlson, Stephen VanderGast, Randy Allen, Randy Kendrick, Gaar Potter, Randy Kendrick, Jason Lauve, Bo Shaffer, Gus Calabrese, James Bass, and Joe Pietri.

Douglas County Fair

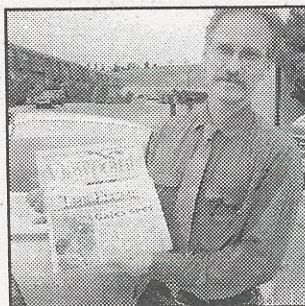
Lady Liberty marched in the August 9 parade in Castle Rock—thanks to the Douglas County Libertarian Party. LPers handed out balloons that read, "Liberty is on the Rise!" The group handed out over 450 balloons and over 400 copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint*.

Ed Goodrich, Larry Hamilton, Barb Rachocki, Brian Rachocki, Danielle McKinzie, Rand Fanshier, and Laura Smith arrived at the parade staging area at 8:30 to complete decorating the float, blow up balloons, and prepare for the festivities.



Pioneers Outreach

The Libertarian Party of El Paso County held an outreach booth August 8 at the Pioneers Museum. The *Colorado Springs Independent* was celebrating its ten year anniversary. 92 people took the Nolan Quiz and twelve registered to vote Libertarian.



On the same day, the Boulder LP participated in the Louisville Street Faire.

Morgan Co. Festival in the Park

Morgan County Libertarians more than doubled their membership July 18-20 at the Festival in the Park, reaching 41 members. Coordinated by James Bass, the group handed out over 950 copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint* and encouraged 22 people to register to vote Libertarian.

Denver Affiliate

The Denver County Libertarian Party met July 15 at the Overland Golf Course Clubhouse, where David Meleney discussed the declining numbers of drugs making it through the gauntlet of regulatory approval process. Meleney concluded, "The costs and benefits of premarket testing would be better evaluated and the trade-offs better navigated in a voluntary, competitive system of drug development."

Gay and Lesbian Pride Fest

The Libertarian Party of El Paso County hosted an outreach booth June 29 at the 13th Annual Colorado Springs Gay and Lesbian Pride Fest at Acacia park. About 5,000 people attended the event, where Libertarians passed out hundreds of copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint*. Participants included Mike and Lidia Seebeck, Bill Blair, and Nathan and Desiree Hickson.

Tabloid Campaign Launched

Nearly 8,000 copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint* went out the week of June 17 in the *Fairplay Flume* and the *Bailey Hustler*, both located in Park County. The cost to the state party was \$320 for the tabloids and around \$500 for the distribution.

Michael McKinzie

People's Fair

At the People's Fair in Denver, held June 7-8, Colorado Libertarians handed out 3,000 copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint*, administered the "World's Smallest Political Quiz" 550 times, took 72 Libertarian voter registrations, and made dozens of new contacts.

Severin Schneider, Sunday's "MVP," received two tickets to see *Braveheart* at "Film on the Rocks." Other participants included Chris, Shannon, and Dusty Ceranski; Dave Claypool; Rand Fanshier; Steve Gallant; Larry Hamilton; Michael McKinzie; David Meleney; Randal Morgan; Norm Olsen; Gaar Potter; Walter Schlomer; Severin Schneider; Bo Shaffer; Ken Sipsey; Laura Smith; Paul Tiger; and Scott Williams.



Severin Schneider

The Mystery of Capital



David Meleney discussed the ideas of Hernando de Soto June 4 with 23 members of the Jefferson County Libertarian Party. Fanshier reviews, "[P]romoting capitalism in developing nations is the best way to remedy such problems as poverty and disease. Meleney pointed out that government bureaucracy and corruption in the Third World makes every aspect of private enterprise more difficult, expensive and unpredictable."

Boulder Creek Festival

At the Boulder Creek Festival ending May 26, local Libertarians helped register 11 new Libertarian voters and distributed hundreds of copies of *Libertarian Viewpoint*.

Bo Shaffer and his daughter



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—**David Nolan, LP Co-Founder**

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"Thanks so much for the great article on my CU talk! Keep up the fight!"—**Boston T. Party**

Libertarians Join Effort to Repeal Grocery Tax

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2,147 signatures were accepted, over 60% more than the 1,326 needed. Assuming the city council doesn't repeal the tax, the issue will go to the voters in November.

Even though voters recently defeated a similar measure advocated by Libertarians in Montrose, Atwood gave several reasons to hope for success in Littleton. Martin Bolt, spokesperson for the group, is a Republican, and Democrats are also active, which perhaps will broaden support. Also, the grocery tax is a much smaller percentage of the Littleton budget, Atwood said. Finally, the tax will be phased out over two years, making the cut easier to manage.

An August 25 story by Kit Miniclie in the *Denver Post* addressed the matter. Mike Humbert, Chair of the Western Slope Libertarian Party, told Miniclie, "The city [of Montrose] threatened to reimpose the property-tax system" if the voters did away with the grocery tax,

another potential difference between the two efforts. The Montrose effort was widely publicized on the Western Slope at by the National Libertarian Party. Colorado Chair Norm Olsen said, "What the Western Slope Libertarian Party has done makes me proud to be a Libertarian."

Other Libertarian volunteers for the Littleton effort included Michael McKinzie, Rand Fanshier, Severin Schneider, Michael Crone, Chuck Beck, and Ken Sipsey.

In a July 25 letter published at www.FreeColorado.com, Schneider wrote, "The grocery tax is a particularly insidious tax as it is on a necessity and affects those with children, and poor people the most..."

"In Littleton the tax has had unintended side effects, namely that some grocery stores have located on the outskirts of town...in order to avoid having to charge their customers this tax. However this causes a situation where people are forced to travel further

for groceries.

"A wide range of people dislike this tax. Republicans who are truly for lower taxes embrace getting rid of it. Democrats find this a regressive tax that unfairly burdens the poor. This gives us more leverage when trying to persuade people to join with libertarians in opposition to this tax...This is one way we can put our beliefs in action and effect immediate change."



Frank Atwood and Severin Schneider

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6TH ANNUAL LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF COLORADO AWARDS BANQUET AND WORKSHOP DAY



The Libertarian Party of Colorado invites you to attend the 2003 Awards Banquet and Communication Workshop. This year's guest speaker will be Sharon Harris, President of Advocates for Self -Government. Come and hear why we should be optimistic about our future.

Early Bird Special: by Sept. 15th
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Bus Bench Ad Campaign Kickoff!

by Rand Fanshier

How would you like to be driving to the store, or to work, and see a highly visible bus bench billboard that reads, "Had Enough? Vote Libertarian! 1-800-ELECT-US, www.lpcolorado.org"...with a picture of an elephant showering a donkey with cash on the left, a flyover of Lady Liberty on the right?

Would that make you feel better about your party of choice, to know thousands of others are being exposed to the message daily? Might you be more inclined to speak about your politics in public, knowing you could refer to the ad that many have seen around town? "Yes, that's MY party! The Libertarian Party is all about making our country a better place to live."

Just imagine the benefits our candidates will have in 2004, with the

public having been exposed for a year to these professional-looking ads. Imagine how participation in your local LP affiliate will grow as the ad attracts voters to register Libertarian and sign up for national memberships.

That's what the Bus Bench Ad campaign is all about. For \$50, you can proudly sponsor an entire month of the Libertarian Party message and contact information in a 2x6 foot format on the street of your choice. Every time we get twelve donors for a bus bench site, then we rent the site for a year and have the graphic installed.

Also, the same image, to be chosen from among the Caribbean Cruise Contest entries, will be available on bumper stickers and large-format appliques which you can affix to your vehicle, building, or windows.

We are accepting donations immediately, and we encourage your participation! Please see the form below. If you'd like, write in the location of a bus bench you'd like the message displayed upon (no guarantees, but those who donate the most will get the most say about where the ads will be posted).

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the bus bench ad campaign, call me at 303.380.5811.



Please use the form at left to support the bus bench ad campaign!

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Check all that apply... • Mail to: Libertarian Party of Colorado, 1660 S. Albion St., Denver, CO 80297

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Credit Card Acct _____ Signature _____

Libertarian News Roundup

Joe and Elizabeth Johnson have agreed to host the **2004 State LP Convention**, to be held May 21-23 in Estes Park. **Norm Olsen** attended an event called Colorado 100 July 30 to discuss Colorado's fiscal problems. On August 7, the state LP issued a **press release** calling to "make Colorado 'fiscally fit' by changing its policy of imprisoning non-violent criminals." Olsen also urged LP members "to **verify** that your voter registration shows you to be affiliated with the Libertarian Party" by checking with the County Clerk. **Douglas Bruce** announced he's launching two new initiatives: call 719.550.0010 or e-mail taxcutter@msn.com. **John Gurley**, 2002 candidate for Sheriff of Mesa County, announced he's moving out of state. **Lisa Dowdney**, a member of Leadville's city council, was appointed to a state-wide civil rights commission. **Richard Randall** created a web page listing Libertarian businesses at www.geocities.com/colpbus. To participate in a campaigns video, serve as notaries public, or work behind the scenes in the LPCO, call 303.837.9393.

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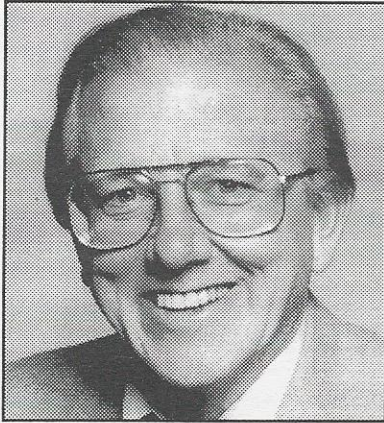
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Bus Bench Ad Contest is open to all registered Libertarians and/or Party members. The Bench Ad must include our National phone number, 1-800-ELECT-US, and our local web page address, lpcolorado.org. Artwork must be postmarked by October 1, 2003. Limit 5 Entries per person. Design selection and contest winner to be announced at the 2003 Awards Banquet in Colorado Springs on October 10. All rights to the ad design will become the sole property of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

Mail Contest Entries to:
Libertarian Ad Contest
c/o Michele Poague
21079 East Mineral Dr.
Aurora, CO 80016

Notes from the Chair: Help Wanted



by Norm Olsen

The Libertarian Party of Colorado has several openings for talented individuals. The pay ain't so hot, the benefits pretty skimpy, and the working conditions are poor. But the rewards of creating successful efforts in the pursuit of liberty are invaluable.

Affiliate Coordinator: The Affiliate Coordinator is responsible for maintaining contact and communications with our affiliates. This involves calling the head officer (chair, president, phoobah, whatever it is the local affiliate's by-laws call him or her) regularly and keep the Outreach Director informed as to the status of each affiliate.

The Coordinator should also seek to coordinate efforts of neighboring affiliates, getting each to assist its neighbors as they take on various challenges and grow. The coordinator would also organize, and be in

charge of, a group of specific task coordinators. For example, an Affiliate Treasurer Coordinator would perform a similar function with the Treasurers of all affiliates, assuring that all reports are being properly prepared and filed in addition to other Treasurer issues. (Won't it be nice when Treasurers have to worry about exceeding campaign contribution limits?)

Campaign Administrator: The Campaign Administrator is responsible for building an organization which will provide basic services to Libertarian candidates in Colorado. First and foremost, the Campaign Administration organization is responsible for seeing that all candidate paperwork is properly prepared and timely filed with the appropriate Election Official. (I have started the development of some software to do a lot of this; perhaps someone can finish this for us.) Second, the organization would provide basic Campaign Treasurer services for State Office candidates. Even line holders will need to file reports in 2004, so we need to be able make sure all of this busywork gets done, done correctly, and on time.

Third, this organization would attempt to schedule appearances for candidates at local events such as the local civic organizations, schools, local events. Finally, this organization would prepare and publish (electronically) press releases describing each such appearance. A big, big job. The Board will recruit helpers. But an Administrator

who can get all this rather bureaucratic stuff organized so that several people can contribute in an efficient and effective manner is necessary. We have about seven months to get this organization in place. If we start now, we can have a strong, well trained, cohesive organization in place by Convention 2004.

At the 2003 Convention, I asked each of you to consider your vote for me as Chair as a commitment to participate, to help. If left to the nine folks on the Board, i.e. the Committee of Nine, election 2004 will be a disaster, an embarrassment. What will happen is, starting in May, there will be a flurry of activity. Potential candidates will receive their biennial phone call from Joe Johnson. Candidates will have little or no training. To avoid paperwork hassles, candidates will avoid raising or spending even the smallest amount of money. Candidates will be poorly trained on the issues. They will avoid public appearances rather than seek them out. And, of course, after the election we will all say "We should have gotten started earlier!"

Now is the time. If we are to have real campaigns, with real candidates, with real messages, with real solutions, presented to real voters, we need to start now. Pick the area which suits you best and let us know which one it is. Use the official party number, 303.837.9393 and leave a message. Then roll up your sleeves. Get a good night's sleep. And then, "Let's Roll."

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